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March 26, 2002

Mr. Joseph F. Haggerty, Jr. 403 Timberline Loop Yorktown, VA 23692

Dear Mr. Haggerty:

Thank you for your March 5, 2002 letter and the accompanying petition concerning the proposed Grafton Drive / Burts Road connector. As you know, this proposed road improvement project is listed on the County's Six-Year Secondary Road System Improvement Plan. When completed, the project will link Grafton Drive with Burts Road and will include the improvement of existing Burts Road southward to Oriana Road.

The York County Board of Supervisors adopts the Secondary Six-Year Plan annually after consultation with the Virginia Department of Transportation. In the most recently adopted Six-Year Plan, the three elements of the Grafton Drive / Burts Road connector are listed as Priority Nos. 8, 9 and 10, as follows:

- <u>Priority 8</u> Realign the Grafton Drive/Route 17 intersection and construct Grafton/Burts connector for a distance of 0.2 miles south of the new intersection, reaching the entrance to Rainbrook Villas, Phase I: Cost \$650,000; projected advertisement date July 2004.
- <u>Priority 9</u> Connect realigned intersection to Burts Road, extending in front Rainbrook Villas, Phase II: Cost \$1,850,000; projected advertisement date July 2005.
- Priority 10 Improve Burts Road south to Oriana Road: Cost \$3,600,000; projected advertisement date April 2006.

As I know you have heard, the Virginia Department of Transportation has announced that significant reductions in highway improvement funds will require adjustment of transportation system improvement plans. Unfortunately, we do not yet know the extent of the reductions that will be made in the funding available for the Secondary System Six-Year Plan. Once the fund availability is known, the Board and VDOT will need to work together to make any necessary adjustments in the project listings and schedules reflected in the Six-Year Plan. I expect those discussions will take place this Fall and I assure you that the Rainbrook Villas petition will be kept on file for presentation and review during those deliberations.

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Thank you for taking the time to provide your input and concerns regarding this important transportation improvement project. Should you have questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Wiggins, Chairman York County Board of Supervisors

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403 Timberline Loop Yorktown, VA 23692

March 5, 2002

The Honorable Donald E. Wiggins, Chairman York County Board of Supervisors Yorktown, VA 23690

Chairman Wiggins;

It is our understanding that the Phase 1 extension of Burt's Road, from Rainbrook Villas to Grafton Drive, will be delayed for an undetermined amount of time.

This is of major concern to the homeowners in Rainbrook Villas because of the extremely dangerous situation of having to make a U-turn at U.S. 17 and Grafton Drive. There is no other way to get into our entrance if you are traveling North on U. S. 17 unless you cut through Washington Square Shopping center to Dare Road, and then turn left at Dare Road and U.S. 17.

We have attached a Petition, signed by 84% of the occupied Condominium Owners, requesting that the Burt's Road Phase 1 extension proceed on schedule. This request is made for the safety of our residents who are mostly Senior Citizens.

We are all aware of the "Turn Right on Red" light coming out of Grafton Drive at U.S. 17, especially in the afternoon when school lets out. The students, teachers, and general public are not aware of our left hand U-turn situation, and do not always stop before turning right.

We request that you present this petition to Mr. Mark Carter for his consideration in keeping this small strip of road in his projected budget without any extensions or delays.

Respectfully,

Joseph F. Haggerty Jr.

Edna B. Haggerty